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1. USEC BENEFITTED FROM PRESENCE OF MISSION OFFICER
HANDLING EC RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE AND PRC AT 1976
CONFERENCE OF EAST EUROPEAN E/C OFFICERS AND WE GATHER
FROM FEEDBACK WE HAVE HAD THAT HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO
CONFERENCE WERE APPRECIATED.

2. WE WOULD NOTE THAT EC RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO ACCELERATE FURTHER IN 1978.

(A) EC AND PRC ARE SCHEDULED TO CONCLUDE A TRADE
AGREEMENT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS;

(B) EC PREPARATORY TALKS WITH CEMA ABOUT NEGOTIA-
TIONS TOWARD A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT SHOULD RESUME LATER
THIS YEAR;

(C) EC AND YUGOSLAVIA WILL OPEN NEGOTIATIONS
WITHIN A FEW WEEKS ON A BROADENED ECONOMIC COOPERATION
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AGREEMENT (RECENT USEC BELGRADE EXCHANGE CONCERNING
POSSIBLE COORDINATED APPROACH ON FACILITATING WESTERN
BUSINESS IN YUGOSLAVIA ESPECIALLY RELEVANT HERE);

(D) EC IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING TRADE AGREEMENTS
WITH SOME EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN SECTORS PARTICULARLY
AFFECTED BY THE ECONOMIC RECESSION, I.E., TEXTILES AND

STEEL.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT INVITE A USEC REPRESENTATIVE TO UPCOMING CONFERENCE MAY 1-6. HINTON

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